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FASCIST UKRAINIANS MEET IN BERLIN; DISCUSS U. S. ACTIVITIES

Document Smuggled From Germany Definitely
Establishes Hetman-Nazi Link

Following The Hour exposés on the Fifth Column activities of the ODUWU and the Hetman in the United States, these twin fascist-Ukrainian bands issued indignant denials of the truth of our disclosures. They wrote editorials in their press vehemently attacking The Hour. They presented themselves as patriotic American citizens, no less deeply interested in democracy than the majority of Ukrainian-Americans. They declared they were not and had never been pro-Nazi. (The Hour had stated that ODUWU and Hetman operations in this country were directed from the Third Reich). As intended proof of their anti-Nazi inclinations, they formed a committee with the professed purpose of "aiding the Allies." A New York newspaper was even persuaded to publish a retraction of certain statements it had made against fascist Ukrainian-Americans.

The Hour has just received a document smuggled out of Nazi Germany, which establishes beyond the slightest doubt the intimate ties between the Ukrainian fascists and the Nazi Government. Entitled "Convention of the Hetman Organizations in Germany," the document is a detailed confidential report, prepared in booklet form and containing photographs, of a convention of the Hetman that took place in Berlin toward the end of 1940.

Contents of Document

The document quotes Paul Skoropadsky, head of the Hetman, as saying in his address to the convention, "We indulge in our activities owing to the express permission of the German authorities. Therefore I call upon you to cry loudly 'HEIL HITLER.'" At this point, according to the account, the Hetmanites arose, gave the Nazi salute and heiled der Fuehrer.

A photograph of Skoropadsky talking is included in the booklet. A swastika emblem hangs on the wall behind him. Beneath the swastika is a large portrait of Adolf Hitler. This is the same Skoropadsky whose son, Danylo, visited the United States in 1938. On August 10, 1940, The Hour revealed that Danylo Skoropadsky had traveled in the United States as an agent of the Hetman, that during his tour he had visited

Henry Ford in Detroit, Michigan, and that his traveling expenses had been paid by Alfred Rosenberg's Aussenpolitisches Amt in Berlin.

In praising Danylo Skoropadsky, the chairman of the Hetman convention in Berlin declared, "Danylo is adored and respected by the whole people and his trip to America was a triumphal procession. That is why his present appointment as Hetman's lieutenant will cause great joy in America."

Hetman U. S. Activity and Air Fleet

The work of Hetman branches in the United States came in for warm praise at the convention. Speakers stated that their movement in America was growing and that it had become firmly established in strategic cities.

Three photographs in the report are of particular significance. These three pictures were taken in the United States. They depict airplanes privately owned and operated by the Hetman organization in this country. Details are not given concerning the exact purpose and use of these airplanes. But it is clear that a Nazi-controlled group in the United States could employ airplanes for various Fifth Column activities, such as photographing industrial centers from the air, bringing agents into the country, etc.

In our earlier articles on the Hetman, we pointed out that key Hetman branches are located in U. S. industrial centers. We urged an immediate and thorough investigation of this dangerous fascist organization. The Hetman report from Berlin makes all the more evident the need for such an investigation by U. S. authorities.

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NAZI MAGAZINE PUBLISHES "AMERICAN" OPINIONS"

In each issue of the German-American Commerce Bulletin, slick monthly magazine of the Board of Trade for German-American Commerce, Inc., a section is devoted to statements made by prominent American citizens. The section is entitled "American Voices on Present Problems." The "Voices" selected naturally must express views acceptable to the editors of the Nazi publication.

Among the statements quoted in the March issue are those of Percy H. Johnston, Chairman of the Chemical Bank and Trust Company and Dr. Edward Lodge Curran, President of the International Catholic Truth Society.

Chemical Bank's Opinion of Germany, and Vice Versa

Mr. Johnston's remarks, taken from the Annual Report to the Stockholders of the Chemical Bank and Trust Company, issued on January 15 1941, are in part as follows:

"Fear has been voiced in some quarters that with the domination by Germany of most of Europe and with her

reported success in using the system of barter in international trade and her threat to eventually dictate to the world economically, that our huge gold hoard may become worthless as a monetary base. I do not share in that view. The only reason why Germany has resorted to the barter system was that she had no choice. ..."

Exhibit #237 of Congressman Dies' report "White Paper" sheds interesting light on the above opinions of Mr. Johnston. In this exhibit, which is an official report made by a representative of the Nazi Government on June 20, 1940, these illuminating passages occur:

"Mr. Kollmar [Director of the Foreign Department of the Chemical Bank and Trust Company] who has been present at several conferences has been referred as the representative of an American bank, first because he and his bank have excellent connections in Berlin; but particularly because his bank has been the only one that, during the war and even now, has exhibited an irreproachable attitude toward Germany ...

"Mr. Kollmar invited me to lunch with Mr. Jackson, First Vice President, and Mr. Bower, Executive Vice President, of the bank. These gentlemen stated that they regarded it as important for America to join with and cultivate the new central European bloc, in the most friendly and intimate trade regulations; but observed that for a long time it will be necessary to combat opposition and to overcome the difficulties of public opinion. ... There appears to be good reason to give Mr. Bower some financial assistance. ... During the extended discussion Mr. Bower dropped the remark that their notable friendliness for Germany had not been rewarded any too richly for even today the Reichbank and the Gold Discounte Bank were maintaining their accounts at Chase ... and he hoped that Mr. Kollmar might be successful ... ultimately to get the accounts of both of these institutions."

Curran's Views

The comments of Father Curran, which appear in the German-American Commerce Bulletin, are taken from a speech he delivered at a "Mass Meeting for American Neutrality in New York City." Dr. Curran, with characteristic anti-Semitic inference, attacks certain "minority" groups in the United States. He says, "So far has this wilful minority gone with its war-mongering propaganda that certain groups in this country are trying to identify Americanism with pro-Britishism." As usual, Dr. Curran's observations greatly resemble those of Father Coughlin, whom the New York priest deeply admires.

For some time Father Edward Lodge Curran has been closely associated with pro-Nazi and anti-Semitic forces in this country. On July 31, 1939, Social Justice featured on its front page a large portrait of Dr. Curran; a headline immediately above the picture proclaimed the successes

of the fascist Christian Front. Father Curran himself has frequently praised the Front stormtroopers. He has spoken on the same platform with John Cassidy, ringleader of the seventeen Christian Fronters arrested last year on charges of conspiracy against the United States Government. He numbers among his co-workers such appeasers and anti-democrats as Patrick F. Scanlon, managing editor of the Jew-baiting Brooklyn Tablet; Allen Zoll, Fifth Columnist indicted on charges of attempted extortion and former fuehrer of the American Patriots; Justice Herbert A. O'Brien, who calls the Nazi-directed Generalissimo Franco the "great liberator" and distributes mimeographed letters attacking Jews; and General George Van Horn Moseley, notorious for his pro-Nazi sentiments and still a candidate for the Fuehrership of the U. S. A.

It is apparently with good reason that the German-American Commerce Bulletin publicizes the views expressed by Percy H. Johnston and Edward Lodge Curran.

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JAPANESE ARTISTS DONATE PAINTINGS TO AID CHINA

From March 12 through March 16, an Art for China exhibition and sale is being conducted at the Ritz-Tower Hotel, New York City, by the China Aid Council in cooperation with the American Committee For Chinese War Orphans. Honorary Chairman of the exhibition is Mrs. James Roosevelt. Sponsors include Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Dr. James Rowland Angell, Dr. Huh Shih, Jules S. Backe, Dr. Lin Yutang, T. V. Soong and Henry R. Luce. The proceeds from the exhibition are to be used for the benefit of Chinese war orphans.

An interesting sidelight is the fact that five Japanese artists are among those who have donated paintings to be sold at the exhibition. Their names are Eitaro Ishigaki, Yasuo Kuniyoshi, Nagai, Sakari Suzuki and Chuzo Tamotzu. The money from the sale of their works will go to aiding the Chinese people. These five Japanese artists have expressed themselves as being more interested in the cause of humanity and Chinese democracy than in the war aims of the present fascist regime in Japan.

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NAZI NEWS

Visitors to the well-known Westermann Book Shop at 20 West 48th Street, New York City, have noticed that the only U. S. newspaper on sale in the store is the official organ of the German-American Bund, The Free American and Deutscher Weckruf und Beobachter. No progressive German paper is displayed alongside of the pro-Nazi sheet. The only other German-language newspapers carried are those published in the Third Reich; magazines issued by the Nazi and Vichy Governments are also featured.

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